

Various measures for increasing the production of spices include - (i) Production and distribution of improved high yielding planting material of pepper, clove and nutmeg; (ii) Production of nucleus planting material/foundation seed of pepper, ginger, turmeric, chillies and minor spices, (iii) Distribution of input-kits for pepper and minikits for minor spices; (iv) Supply of plant protection sprayers, for pepper; (v) Rehabilitation of old peppergardens; (vi) Laying out pepper demonstration plots; (vii) Establishment of demonstration-cum-progeny gardens for spices in North Eastern region including West Bengal; and (viii) Training of farmers on processing of spices.

[English]

Setting up of Bank Note Press

5032. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up more Bank Note Presses/Mints in the country in future, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Sainik School

5033. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Sainik Schools in the country including one at Kazhakkottam in Kerala are in a deplorable condition;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the deplorable condition of the Sainik Schools in the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c). The condition in none of the 18 Sainik Schools is deplorable. However, some of the Schools have projected, to the concerned State Governments, the need to undertake certain repairs/maintenance and for creation/provision of additional facilities. As necessary, the Ministry of Defence has also taken up these issues with the concerned State Governments, who are responsible for providing the requisite facilities.

Expenditure Tax Collections

5034. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state.

The total revenue collected by the Union Government through expenditure tax on air-conditioned restaurants and hotels during 1991-92, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): The data regarding collection of expenditure tax in the Financial year 1991-92 has not yet been compiled state-wise. Provisional figures of collection upto February, 1992, Zonal Accounts Office wise are given in the statement enclosed.